(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Thermal Power Plant at Nabinagar (Baroon) in Aurangabad District of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB) had in September, 1988 submitted to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) the feasibility report for installation of a 2×500 MW Thermal Power Station at an estimated cost of Rs. 1404 crores at Nabinagar in Aurangabad District of Bihar. Since the project has not been included in the schemes identified by the Working Group on Power for benefits upto the 9th plan and does not have necessary linkages the scheme is not being pursued in CEA under advice to Bihar State Authorities.

Rural Electrification in Aurangabad District, Bihar

4737. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electrified and non-electrified villages in Aurangabad district of Bihar and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to electrify the remaining villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per information available as on 31-3-1991, there are 1683 electrified and 66 unelectrified villages in Aurangabad district of Bihar as per 1981 Census.

(b) District-wise rural electrification activities are carried out by the State Electricity Board on the priority accorded by the State Government within the overall allocation for the State as provided by the planning Commission.

[Translation]

Service Station at Jaunpur

4738. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a service station has been set up in Jaunpur to clean compartments used in the Express trains running between Banaras and Bombay;

(b) The total amount spent on this service station,

(c) if so, whether this service station is not being used for the purpose for which it was set up, and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Express Train running between Varanasi and Bombay (Dadar) does not pass through Jaunpur.

(b) to (d) A washing line at Jaunpur had been set up at a cost of Rs. 8 lacs for attending to the rake of Jaunpur-Allahabad passenger Train and is being utilised for this purpose. The sectional coach running between Jaunpur and Dadar being attached to Varanasi-Dadar Express is also maintained on this pit line.